

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
YUMA FIELD OFFICE  
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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM**

**AZ-320-2005-031**

**Case/Project No.: AZA 32953**

**PROJECT NAME:** City of Yuma Water Pipeline Amendment

**TECHNICAL REVIEW:**

(√)	Program	Reviewer	Signature	Date
	Air Quality			
	ACEC			
√	Botanical including T & E Spp.	F. Wong	/s/Fred Wong	4/4/05
	Communications (Dispatch)			
√	Cultural/Paleontology	S. Arnold	/s/Sandra Arnold	7/18/05
	Energy Policy			
	Environmental Justice			
	Farmlands (Prime & Unique)			
	Floodplain			
√	Hazardous Material	S. Fusilier	/s/Stephen Fusilier	4/4/05
√	Invasive & Non-Native Species	F. Wong	/s/Fred Wong	4/4/05
√	Lands/Realty	F. Rodriguez	/s/Francis Rodriguez	4/4/05
	Land Law Examiner			
	Law Enforcement			
	Minerals			
	Native American Religious Concerns			
	Operations			
	Range Management			
	Recreation			
	Soils			
	Surface Protection			
	Visual Resources			
	Water Rights			
	Water Quality (Surface & Ground)			
	Wetlands/Riparian Zones			
	Wild & Scenic Rivers			
	Wilderness			
	Wild Horses/Burros			
√	Wildlife including T & E Spp.	F. Wong	/s/Fred Wong	4/4/05

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Date:           7/28/05          

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**Location (legal description):**

Right-of-Way Grant application, AZA 32953, affects the following public lands: portions of W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 9, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 17, T. 9 S., R. 22 W., Gila and Salt River Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona. The area described contains 1.52 acres approximately.

**Applicant:** City of Yuma

**Description of Proposed Action:**

On August 2, 2004, an inspection of the subject area was conducted and the water pipeline was found to be in trespass. An unauthorized use case file (AZA 32848) has been established for this action.

On February 17, 2005, we received a right-of-way amendment application from the City of Yuma for the unauthorized underground 12-inch water pipeline, 20 feet wide by 3,300 feet long. The existing pipeline was installed in 2001. The amendment would be issued pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761), and all applicable regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 2800. The amendment would be issued for the remainder term of the original right-of-way grant with the right to renew. The right-of-way grant amendment would be operated, maintained, and terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions found at 43 CFR 2800, all applicable regulations, and the special stipulations in the original right-of-way grant and the amendment. This water pipeline is located in areas that have already been highly disturbed due to the construction of the East Mesa Water Pollution Control Facility (AZA 31132), and the Yuma County Public Works Facility (AZA 28649). Maintenance of the water pipeline would occur as needed within the right-of-way area. If land outside the area were needed for maintenance, a temporary use permit would need to be requested.

**Categorical Exclusion Reference:**

Right-of-Way Grant Applications, AZA 32953: 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4: E(12) – Grants of rights-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way.

**Required Stipulations:** The right-of-way grant amendment would be subject to the terms and conditions specified in the original grant and the terms and conditions specified in 43 CFR 2800.

**Compliance and Monitoring Responsibility:** YFO, Lands

Compliance inspections would be conducted regularly to verify that the holder complies with the stipulations, terms and conditions set forth in right-of-way grant AZA 32953.

**Decision:**

BLM has determined that the proposal conforms to the land use plan, is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria, and that it will not involve any significant adverse environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review. The Proposed Action will have no effect on the President's Energy Policy and a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required. The proposed action will be implemented subject to the stipulations within the authorizing document.

Approved by:           /s/Rebecca Heick            
Rebecca Heick  
Yuma Field Manager

Date:       7/28/05

**Categorical Exclusion Review**

Department of the Interior Departmental Manual 516 2.3.A(3) provides for a review of the following categorical exclusion criteria to determine if exceptions apply to this project. The following exceptions apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (CX). Environmental documents must be prepared for actions which may:

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1 Have significantly adverse effects on public health or safety.	_____	__X__
2 Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or main drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.	_____	__X__
3 Have highly controversial environmental impacts.	_____	__X__
4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	_____	__X__
5 Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	_____	__X__
6 Are directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	_____	__X__
7 Adversely affect on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.	_____	__X__
8 Adversely affect species listed or proposed for listing on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or adversely affect designated critical habitat for these species.	_____	__X__
9 Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.	_____	__X__
10 Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirements imposed for protecting the environment.	_____	__X__